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In re application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1647

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Atty. Docket No.: 16991.011

For: *An OCIF-Binding Molecule (OBM),
Nucleic Acid Encoding, and Process
for Producing the Same (as
amended)*

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for submitting an Appeal Brief be extended an additional two months from June 15, 2003 to August 15, 2003 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

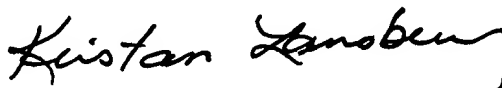
The appropriate fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$1,040.00 for a fourth and fifth month extension of time for a large entity. Applicants request that this fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387. **Attention is directed to the fact that the fee of \$930.00 for a three month extension of time was previously paid on June 13, 2003.** Further, if additional extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16991.011.

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